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SUBJ: IAEA PROPOSAL TO CONVENE MEETING ON EXTENDED STORAGE OF
SPENT FUEL

1. IN A LETTER FROM ACTING DDG BRUENKANT TO AMBASSADOR
STONE, AGENCY HAS CONVEYED PROPOSAL TO CONVENE MEETING
OF CONSULTANTS ON SUBJECT OF EXTENDED STORAGE OF SPENT
FUEL. MEETING WILL BE HELD IN VIENNA JUNE 6-8, 1977.

MISSION HAS LEARNED THAT OTHER COUNTRIES RECEIVING
INVITATION TO SENT CONSULTANTS ARE AUSTRIA, CANADA,
FRG, JAPAN, AND SWEDEN.

2. LETTER INDICATES THAT WHILE EVALUATION OF SPENT FUEL
STORAGE REQUIREMENTS WAS CARRIED OUT AS PART OF THE
RFCC STUDY, THAT STUDY GROUP COVERED ONLY SHORT-TERM
AND INTERIM STORAGE; ADEQUATE DATA RELATING TO LONG-
TERM STORAGE OR FOR MULTIMATE DISPOSAL OF SPENT
FUEL WITHOUT REPROCESSING WAS NOT AVAILABLE. BECAUSE
SPENT FUEL STORAGE IS OR WILL BE OF MAJOR CONCERN TO
MANY MEMBER STATES, IT IS FELT THAT AGENCY MUST STUDY
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THIS AREA FURTHER.

3. THE CONSULTANTS SHOULD COME PREPARED TO DISCUSS
TECHNOLOGIES AND COSTS RELATED TO INTERIM AND LONG-
TERM SPENT FUEL STORAGE, AS WELL AS FOR ULTIMATE
DISPOSAL. FINDINGS OF THE GROUP COULD PROVIDE
A BASIS FOR FUTURE AGENCY ACTIVITIES IN THIS AREA.

THE PROPOSED MEETING WOULD DAL ONLY WITH TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC QUESTIONS; MATTERS OF POLICY, POSSIBLE INTERNATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS, ETC., WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED AT THIS MEETING.

4. SINCE THIS PROPOSED STUDY IS ESSENTIALLY AN EXTENSION OF THE FRCC STUDY, AND SINCE THE SPECIAL U.S. CONTRIBUTION OF \$100,000 IN SUPPORT OF FRCC STUDY IS NOT RPT NOT DEPLETED, MISSION PROPOSES THAT U.S. INVITED EXPERTS PARTICIPATE AT AGENCY EXPENSE TO BE CHARGED TO THAT SPECIAL U.S. CONTRIBUTION.

5. THOUGH THE AGENCY'S LETTER ASKS FOR ONE U.S. PARTICIPANT, AGENCY STUDYLEADER (MR. PHIL COLTON, FROM U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION) HAS INDICATED THAT TWO U.S. PARTICIPANTS WOULD BE WELCOME IF AVAILABLE. ONE SHOULD BE EXPERT IN TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF EXTENDED STORAGE OF SPENT FUEL; OTHER SHOULD BE EXPERT IN RELATED COSTS AND ECONOMIC FACTORS.

6. COPY OF AGENCY LETTER TO AMBASSADOR STONE, TOGETHER WITH THREE-PAGE DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED STUDY, BEING POUCHED ERDA (AMMONS), STATE (BORIGHT) AND ACDA (MOSS).

7. PLEASE ADVISE.STONE

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